

**COMMITTEE AMENDMENT**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

State of Oklahoma

SPEAKER:

CHAIR:

I move to amend HB2926 \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the printed Bill  
Page \_\_\_\_\_ Section \_\_\_\_\_ Lines \_\_\_\_\_  
Of the Engrossed Bill

By striking the Title, the Enacting Clause, the entire bill, and by  
inserting in lieu thereof the following language:

**AMEND TITLE TO CONFORM TO AMENDMENTS**

Amendment submitted by: Kevin Wallace

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reading Clerk

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2926

By: Wallace and Caldwell (Trey)  
of the House

and

Hall and Rosino of the  
Senate

PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

An Act relating to education; apportioning various amounts of certain funds for certain purposes; providing for the budgeting of funds in certain categories and amounts; requiring development of certain performance measures; requiring transfers of certain funds; limiting authority to reduce certain apportionments; requiring proportional reduction of allocations under certain conditions; requiring funds be expended in certain manners for certain purposes; directing funds to specific programs; requiring and limiting certain expenditures; prohibiting certain actions without joint approval of certain state officials; establishing prerequisite process prior to certain rule and policy making; requiring certain submissions of proposed rules, documents, and reports; authorizing certain requests for transfer of funds; providing for proportional reduction of school district funding under certain scenario; exempting certain funds from expenditure limitations under certain scenarios; providing exemption process and procedures; providing for lapse of funds under certain conditions; providing legislative intent; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

1 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

2 SECTION 1. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the  
3 support of public school activities by the State Board of Education  
4 payable from monies appropriated and authorized by Enrolled Senate  
5 Bill No. 1125 of the 2nd Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature  
6 shall be apportioned as follows:

7 1. Funds appropriated and authorized by Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,  
8 6, 7, 8, and 19 of Enrolled Senate Bill 1125 of the 2nd Session of  
9 the 59th Oklahoma Legislature:

10 Local and State-supported Financial

11 Support of Public Schools \$3,089,255,079.00

12 SUBTOTAL, PARAGRAPH 1 \$3,089,255,079.00

13 2. Funds appropriated by Sections 9, 10, 11, 13, 18, and 20 of  
14 Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1125 of the 2nd Session of the 59th  
15 Oklahoma Legislature:

16 Certified Employee Health Benefit

17 Allowance \$365,793,470.00

18 Support Employee Health Benefit

19 Allowance \$204,211,359.00

20 Teachers' Retirement Credit \$35,000,000.00

21 Purchase of Textbooks and Instructional

22 Materials \$45,190,000.00

23 Public School Paid Maternity Leave

24 Revolving Fund \$2,500,000.00

1	Student Teacher Compensation	\$2,650,000.00
2	Alternative and High Challenge Education	\$14,000,000.00
3	Education Leadership Oklahoma	\$4,720,000.00
4	Advanced Placement Incentives	\$1,500,000.00
5	Reading Sufficiency Act	\$13,000,000.00
6	Required Assessments	\$13,405,685.00
7	Teach for America	\$2,000,000.00
8	Street School	\$180,000.00
9	Ag in the Classroom	\$38,000.00
10	Imagine Math	\$1,000,000.00
11	Imagine Reading	\$1,000,000.00
12	Oklahoma Arts Institute	\$320,000.00
13	Early Intervention	\$16,225,341.00
14	Secure Schools Program	\$2,350,000.00
15	Great Expectations	\$500,000.00
16	Child ID	\$500,000.00
17	Academic Standards Implementation	\$300,000.00
18	Teacher and Leader Effectiveness	\$250,000.00
19	Student Information Security	\$500,000.00
20	ACT Work Keys	\$250,000.00
21	Early Childhood Initiative	\$12,000,000.00
22	School Lunch Matching	\$3,500,000.00
23	Oklahoma School Security Initiative	\$1,400,000.00
24	Metrics Software	\$2,000,000.00

1	Inhalers for all schools	\$250,000.00
2	SUBTOTAL, PARAGRAPH 2	\$746,533,855.00
3	3. Funds appropriated by Section 12 of Enrolled Senate Bill No.	
4	1125 of the 2nd Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature:	
5	Administrative and Support Functions of	
6	the State Department of Education	\$19,145,366.00
7	SUBTOTAL, PARAGRAPH 3	\$19,145,366.00
8	TOTAL State School Aid and Programs	\$3,854,934,300.00
9	SECTION 2. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the State	
10	Board of Education shall budget all funds in the following	
11	categories and amounts:	
12	<u>Category</u>	<u>Total</u>
13	Payroll, Salaries or Wages, Including	\$25,775,827.00
14	Tax-sheltered Deferment Contracts and	
15	Longevity Payments Authorized by	
16	State Statutes	
17	Professional and Personal Services Contracts	\$31,840,048.00
18	Other Operating Funds	\$4,011,390,979.00
19	Expenditure of Federal Funds	\$1,825,621,183.00
20	TOTAL	\$5,894,628,037.00
21	The agency shall develop outcome-based performance measures for	
22	each budget category.	
23	SECTION 3. The funds appropriated in Sections 14 and 15 of	
24	Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1125 of the 2nd Session of the 59th	

Oklahoma Legislature in the amount of Three Million Four Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Nine Dollars (\$3,487,609.00) shall be transferred to the School Consolidation Assistance Fund.

SECTION 4. The funds appropriated in Sections 16 and 17 of Enrolled Senate Bill No. 1125 of the 2nd Session of the 59th Oklahoma Legislature in the amount of Three Million Four Hundred Eighty-seven Thousand Six Hundred Nine Dollars (\$3,487,609.00) shall be transferred to the Teachers' Retirement System Dedicated Revenue Revolving Fund.

SECTION 5. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act specifically for the purpose of funding the Teachers' Retirement Credit shall be transferred to the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma.

SECTION 6. If the funds allocated in Section 1 of this act specifically for the purpose of funding the Teachers' Retirement Credit are insufficient to fully fund the employee contribution credits provided for in Section 17-108.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes as invoiced by the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma, the Department may reduce in equal proportions funds allocated in Section 1 of this act to Education Leadership Oklahoma, Secure Schools Program, TLE Retention, Advanced Teacher Training, Reading Sufficiency Act, Alternative and High Challenge Education, Required Assessments, Ag in the Classroom, Imagine Math, Imagine Reading, Imagination Library, Oklahoma Arts Institute, Teacher Induction

1 Program, Oklahoma Connections Academy Composite Academic  
2 Achievement, and Dove Charter School Academy Composite Academic  
3 Achievement. The total amount of funds reduced shall not exceed the  
4 additional amount required to fully fund the employee contribution  
5 credits.

6 SECTION 7. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act for the  
7 purpose of funding Education Leadership Oklahoma shall be expended  
8 as follows:

9 1. Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) shall be  
10 transferred to the Oklahoma National Board Certification Revolving  
11 Fund created in Section 6-204.4 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes  
12 for the purpose of awarding annual bonuses as directed; and

13 2. Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars  
14 (\$4,250,000.00) shall be transferred to the Oklahoma School  
15 Psychologist, Speech-Language Pathologist, and Audiologist National  
16 Certification Revolving Fund created in Section 6-206.1 of Title 70  
17 of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of awarding annual bonuses  
18 as directed.

19 SECTION 8. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act for  
20 Advanced Placement Incentives shall be expended for the purpose of  
21 providing assistance for students in financial need, grants to  
22 districts wanting to start new AP programs, and expanding  
23 professional development, pursuant to the provisions of Section  
24 1210.703 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

1       SECTION 9. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act for the  
2 Reading Sufficiency Act shall be expended pursuant to the provisions  
3 of Section 1210.508A et seq. of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

4       SECTION 10. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act for  
5 Teacher and Leader Effectiveness shall be expended for the purpose  
6 of improving the effectiveness of teachers and leaders in the public  
7 school system through continued development, pursuant to Section 6-  
8 101.16 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

9       SECTION 11. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act for  
10 Required Assessments shall be expended for the purpose of  
11 administering a statewide student assessment system for grades three  
12 through twelve, pursuant to Section 1210.508 of Title 70 of the  
13 Oklahoma Statutes.

14       SECTION 12. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act for  
15 Alternative and High Challenge Education shall be expended for the  
16 purpose of operating the statewide system of alternative education  
17 programs as provided in Section 1210.568 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma  
18 Statutes, and for encouraging school districts to participate in  
19 innovative alternative education programs.

20       SECTION 13. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act for  
21 Early Intervention shall be transferred to the Early Intervention  
22 Fund 250. It is the intent of the Legislature that funding  
23 available for SoonerStart Early Intervention Services be expended  
24 for direct services to eligible infants, toddlers, and their



1 families. The State Department of Education shall not contract,  
2 pay, or reimburse for administrative cost recovery personnel,  
3 accounting, management information system costs, and maintenance and  
4 operations at the state or local level or indirect costs which do  
5 not comply with the requirements of Section 13-125 of Title 70 of  
6 the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 SECTION 14. The funds allocated in Section 1 of this act for  
8 the Early Childhood Initiative shall be expended for the purpose of  
9 funding the early childhood program pursuant to the provisions of  
10 Section 10-105.4 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

11 SECTION 15. State Aid funds shall be reduced or withheld by the  
12 State Board of Education in an amount necessary to ensure compliance  
13 with the provisions of this act.

14 SECTION 16. The State Department of Education shall not  
15 decline, refuse participation in, or choose not to apply for any  
16 federal grant funding that had been received by the Department prior  
17 to FY 2023 without joint approval from the President Pro Tempore of  
18 the Oklahoma State Senate and the Speaker of the Oklahoma House of  
19 Representatives.

20 SECTION 17. No funds appropriated to the State Department of  
21 Education in Enrolled Senate Bill 1125 of the 2nd Session of the  
22 59th Oklahoma Legislature or under the control of the State  
23 Department of Education shall be encumbered or expended for the  
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1 purpose of securing media interviews, public relations, or other  
2 public promotional purposes.

3 SECTION 18. The State Board of Education is authorized to  
4 request the Office of Management and Enterprise Services to transfer  
5 appropriated funds to the appropriate dispensing fund.

6 SECTION 19. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction may  
7 request through the Director of the Office of Management and  
8 Enterprise Services the early transfer by the Oklahoma Tax  
9 Commission of tax collections to the Education Reform Revolving Fund  
10 for the purpose of early allocation to the Board's disbursing funds  
11 to alleviate cash-flow problems.

12 SECTION 20. If funds appropriated in Sections 1 through 20 of  
13 Enrolled House Bill No. 1125 of the 2nd Session of the 59th Oklahoma  
14 Legislature are not sufficient to fully fund the provisions of this  
15 act, each school district which qualifies for funds, excluding  
16 Financial Support of Public Schools, pursuant to the provisions of  
17 this act shall take a proportionate reduction.

18 SECTION 21. A. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction  
19 may request, in the manner provided in this section, that receipt  
20 and expenditure of unanticipated federal funds awarded after July 1,  
21 2024, be exempt from expenditure limitations and from budgetary  
22 limitations.

1        1. The Superintendent shall make a request for exemption to the  
2 Office of Management and Enterprise Services in writing and file a  
3 revised budget work program.

4        2. The Superintendent shall also file copies of the request for  
5 exemption and budget work program revisions with the Oklahoma State  
6 Senate Appropriations Committee Chair and the Oklahoma House of  
7 Representatives Appropriations and Budget Committee Chair. The  
8 Senate Appropriations Committee Chair and/or the House  
9 Appropriations and Budget Committee Chair shall notify the Office of  
10 Management and Enterprise Services of any noncompliance of the  
11 request with legislative intent within twelve (12) calendar days of  
12 their receipt of the exemption request.

13        B. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services shall  
14 approve the request for exemption unless both the Chair and Vice  
15 Chair of the Joint Legislative Committee on Budget and Program  
16 Oversight provide written notification to the Office of Management  
17 and Enterprise Services within twelve (12) calendar days of the  
18 Committee's receipt of the exemption request that the exemption  
19 subverts the intention and objectives of the Legislature in  
20 establishing the original limit. The Office of Management and  
21 Enterprise Services shall give written notice of approval or  
22 disapproval of each exemption to the agency, the Governor, the Chair  
23 of the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Chair of the House  
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1 Appropriations and Budget Committee within eighteen (18) calendar  
2 days of receiving the request.

3       SECTION 22. Appropriations made by this act, not including  
4 appropriations made for capital outlay purposes, may be budgeted for  
5 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 (hereafter FY-25) or may be  
6 budgeted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 (hereafter FY-26).  
7 Funds budgeted for FY-25 may be encumbered only through June 30,  
8 2025, and must be expended by November 15, 2025. Any funds  
9 remaining after November 15, 2025, and not budgeted for FY-25, shall  
10 lapse to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal  
11 year. Funds budgeted for FY-26 may be encumbered only through June  
12 30, 2026. Any funds remaining after November 15, 2026, shall lapse  
13 to the credit of the proper fund for the then current fiscal year.  
14 These appropriations may not be budgeted in both fiscal years  
15 simultaneously. Funds budgeted in FY-25, and not required to pay  
16 obligations for that fiscal year, may be budgeted for FY-26, after  
17 the agency to which the funds have been appropriated has prepared  
18 and submitted a budget work program revision removing these funds  
19 from the FY-25 budget work program and after such revision has been  
20 approved by the Office of Management and Enterprise Services.

21       SECTION 23. It is the intent of the Legislature that compliance  
22 with the provisions of this act are enforceable pursuant to the  
23 provisions of paragraph 9 of subsection A of Section 18b of Title 74  
24 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 24. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

SECTION 25. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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